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SUBJECT: IVP: VIP GRANTEES BJORN JONSSON AND HALLGRIMUR DALBERG;  
BIOGRAPHIC DATA AND GENERAL PROGRAMMING DATA

REF: (1) REYKJAVIK 35; (2) REYKJAVIK 36  
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1. FOLLOWING IS CURRENT BIOGRAPHIC AND GENERAL PROGRAMMING DATA  
FOR APPROVED ICELANDIC IVP (VIP) GRANTEES BJORN JONSSON AND  
HALLGRIMUR DALBERG:

2. NAME: BJORN JONSSON. TITLE: MINISTER OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS  
AND COMMUNICATION.

3. SIGNIFICANT POSITIONS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS: SINCE JULY 1973

MINISTER OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS (TWO PORTFOLIOS),  
GOVERNMENT OF ICELAND. ONE OF TWO MINISTERS IN THE\*COALITION  
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GOVT REPRESENTING THE ORGANIZATION OF LIBERALS AND LEFTISTS.  
TOOK LEA\*E FROM POSITION AS PRE\*IDENT, ICELANDIC FEDERATION OF

LABOR, TO ASSUME MINISTERIAL POST. MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT SINCE 1956. RETAINS STRONG POSITION IN NORTHERN ICELAND TRADE UNION MOVEMENT.

4. PERSONAL DATA: BORN SEPT 3, 1916, SKAGAFJORDUR, ICELAND. ICELANDIC CITIZENSHIP. HOME ADDRESS: FAXATUN 17, GARDHREPPUR. FORMAL EDUCATION THROUGH MENNTASKOLINN AKUREYRE (AKUREYRI JUNIOR COLLEGE), GRADUATING IN 1936. MARRIED WITH ONE SON IN UNIVERSITY OF ICELAND. HAS WRITTEN NUMEROUS ARTICLES ON POLITICS AND LABOR FOR NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES, CONTROLS WEEKLY NEWSPAPER "VERKAMADURINN/ ("WORKING MAN") IN AKUREYRI.

5. IMPORTANT POSITIONS HELD IN PAST: VARIOUS POSITIONS IN LABOR MOVEMENT IN NORTHERN ICELAND FROM 1936, EDITOR "VERKAMADURINN" 1952-56, MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF NORTHERN FEDERATION OF LABOR

1947 AND A PAST PRESIDENT, MEMBER OF BOARD OF ICELANDIC FEDERATION OF LABOR SINCE 1964, VICE PRESIDENT OF LABORGERS FEDERATION SINCE 1964, MEMBER OF BOARD OF LAXA HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER PROJECT SINCE 1959, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT AS PEOPLES ALLIANCE REPRESENTATIVE (1956-71), AS ORGANIZATION OF LIBERALS AND LEFTISTS REPRESENTATIVE, 1971 TO PRESENT.

6. TRAVELS ABROAD: SEVERAL TRIPS TO NORTH COUNTRIES AND, ENGLAND, THREE TRIPS TO EUR, ONE TRIP (IVP 1972) TO US.

7. KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH: UNDERSTANDS ENGLISH SPOKEN CAREFULLY BUT HAS ONLY FAIR ABILITY TO SPEAK IT. (HE IS MORE AT EASE WITH "SKANDINAVISK".)

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8. STATEMENT OF PROPOSED ACTIVITIES IN US: SEE SEPTTEL.

9. PREFERRED DATES OF TRAVEL: JANUARY 1974 (SEE SEPTTEL).

10. JONSSON'S ACCOMPANYING GRANTEE IS HALLGRIMUR DALBERG.

11. TITLE: SECRETARY-GENERAL, MINISTRY OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS (AND MEMBER OF THE ICELANDIC DEFENSE COUNCIL).

12. SIGNIFICANT POSITIONS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS: DALBERG SERVED AS MAYOR OF SIGLUFJORDUN IN 1946. FROM 1948 TO 1962 HE WAS AN OFFICER IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS. IN 1962 HE BECAME A MEMBER OF THE DEFENSE COUNCIL (WHICH IS WITHIN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS). HE HAS SERVED ON NUMEROUS COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS IN CONNECTION WITH HIS POSITIONS. HE WAS APPOINTED SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS BY HANNIBAL VALDIMARSSON.

13. PERSONAL DATA: BORN JAN 7,1918 IN REYKJAVIK. LAW DEGREE, UNIVERSITY OF ICELAND 1944. INTERNATIONAL LAW AT OXFORD 1944-45

FURTHER STUDIES AT SORBONNE 1947. STUDY TOUR AT INVITATION OF STATE DEPARTMENT IN 1961. MARRIED

14. TRAVELS ABROAD: EXTENSIVE TRAVELS IN EUROPE AND THE US. LONG HAS TRAVELLED ANNUALLY TO NORFOLK AS DEFENSE COUNCIL MEMBER. ACCOMPANIED HANNIBAL VALDIMARSSON ON 1972 IVP GRANT WHICH WAS SIMILAR TO PRESENT JONSSON TRIP.

15. KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH: EXCELLENT. RGING

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